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SUBJECT: OAU AND MAURITIAN MEDIATION IN UGANDA/KENYA AND
ZAMBIA/SOUTH AFRICA DISPUTES

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1. IN COURSE OF MY MEETING JULY 28 WITH MINISTER EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
SIR HAROLD WALTER ON KOREA AND PUERTO RICO (REFTEL), HE SAID HE
WOULD BE FLYING TO DAR ES SALAAM TONIGHT (JULY 28) TO TRY TO MEDIATE
THE DISPUTE BETWEEN KENYA AND UGANDA. HE SAID HE HAD APPOINTED A
CONCILIATION COMMISSION MADE UP OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS
OF TANZANIA, NIGERIA, GHANA, LIBERIA, ZAMBIA AND ALGERIA, WHO ARE
SUPPOSED TO MEET HIM IN DAR ES SALAAM TO ASSIST IN MAKING PEACE
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BETWEEN KENYA AND UGANDA. SIR HAROLD SAID THAT HIS INTENTION

WAS TO GET THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF UGANDA AND KENYA TO SIT DOWN AT THE SAME TABLE AND "THRASH THE THING OUT". IF THE CONCILIATION EFFORT IN DAR ES SALAAM FAILED, HE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO GO ON TO NAIROBI AND KAMPALA, AND THEN TO NEW YORK TO CONTINUE WORKING ON THIS PROBLEM.

2. SIR HAROLD NOTED THAT HE HAS ALSO BEEN RECEIVING APPEALS FROM SEVERAL QUARTERS TO INVOLVE HIMSELF IN ZAMBIA'S COMPLAINT AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA OVER MILITARY ATTACKS BY THE LATTER. HE SAID HE HAD RECEIVED AN APPEAL FROM KAUNDA, AS WELL AS FROM THE GOVERNMENTS OF MAURITANIA, NIGERIA AND ALGERIA, ALL SUGGESTING THAT HE GO TO NEW YORK TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION OF THIS ISSUE AS THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE OAU.

3. SIR HAROLD SAID THAT HIS FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS WAS TO MEDIATE THE KENYA-UGANDA DISPUTE, AND IF THAT COULD BE SETTLED REASONABLY RAPIDLY HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO REACH NEW YORK IN TIME TO GET INVOLVED AS WELL IN THE ZAMBIA-SOUTH AFRICA MATTER.
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